

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE—SERVICE OF THE ORDNANCE  
DEPARTMENT.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

*Additional estimate for the service of the Ordnance department.*

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FEBRUARY 6, 1861.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, *February 5, 1861.*

SIR: I have the honor to enclose to you, for the favorable consideration of Congress, a communication from the chief of ordnance, embodying an estimate for two important items omitted from the last annual estimate of this department.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. HOLT, *Secretary of War.*

Hon. WILLIAM PENNINGTON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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ORDNANCE OFFICE,  
*Washington, February 5, 1861.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that, in my annual estimate for the service of the Ordnance department for the fiscal year 1861-'62, the item for Washington arsenal was \$74,900, and there was an item of \$30,000 "for horses and horse medicines for the light batteries." Your immediate predecessor sent it back, with instructions for me to reduce the first item to \$24,900, and to strike out that for the purchase of horses.

It is highly important that the two items, as originally estimated, should be appropriated—the first is highly important, and the latter essential, indeed, I may say indispensable—and I respectfully request that measures may be taken to have these two items added to one of the appropriation bills at the present session of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. K. CRAIG,  
*Colonel of Ordnance.*

Hon. J. HOLT, *Secretary of War.*

